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Westmoreland: The Clock Is Running

Gen. William Westmoreland's celebrated libel suit against CBS may be in trouble. As the trial enters its 18th week, the general's legal team is running out of time and money to press its case. With only 10 hours left of the 150 hours allotted each side by the judge at the outset of the trial, Westmoreland's lead lawyer, Dan Burt, has requested more time. CBS attorney David Boies, a more experienced litigator, has agreed to a compromise allowing Burt up to five extra hours—but only to cross-examine the remaining half dozen pro-CBS witnesses, not to call any rebuttal witnesses. Meanwhile, unexpectedly high court costs have plunged the Capital Legal Foundation, Westmoreland's principal financial backer, \$500,000 into debt. But, says Burt, who is also the foundation's president: "The bills will get paid. It will just be a little slower."